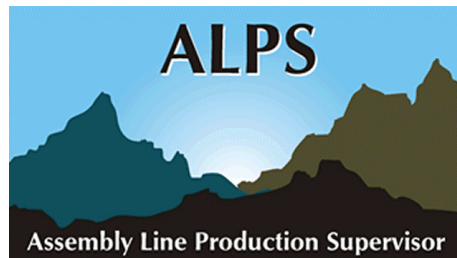


# ALPS PC Retirement

## Technical and Business Proposal



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### ***Introduction***

ALPS PC was initially introduced into the market in 1995. It has been widely and successfully used throughout the industry. It is, however, based on the DOS operating system which, apart from being very old technology, does not offer networking, database and other services that we feel are required for a production worthy system.

As a result we stopped development on ALPS PC in 1999 and offered instead a Windows based version (ALPS EL or LT). We have continued to support our ALPS PC customers with new format converters but now, in view of the increasing technical and business problems KINESYS experiences with the software development and maintenance for the DOS platform, all technical support activities for ALPS PC must be terminated.

To support our customers who are using ALPS PC, we offer technically and commercially attractive alternatives to either continue using ALPS PC or to upgrade to either ALPS EL or ALPS LT.

Finally, customers who want to purchase additional ALPS PC licenses can keep doing so at unchanged prices – with the understanding that the license price no longer includes support services in the form of wafer map converter maintenance.

### ***How long can I keep using ALPS PC?***

Customers who want to keep using their current ALPS PC systems, only using available wafer map converters, can do so indefinitely (as long as adequate hardware and system software remains available).

### ***... And if I need other wafer map converters?***

New and adapted wafer map converters will be provided by KINESYS Software until

**April 30, 2005**

If you foresee that you may need new or adapted wafer map converters in the future, it will make sense to upgrade your ALPS PC systems to one of the state-of-the-art solutions we offer. During a limited time period (the **Transition Period**, see below) such an upgrade can be realized at very attractive conditions.

Here are the alternative solutions we provide:

- ❑ [Use ALPS PC systems with an ALPS LT Front-End](#)
- ❑ [Replace ALPS PC by ALPS EL](#)
- ❑ [Replace ALPS PC by ALPS LT](#)

Please click on the links above to view technical details of and business conditions of each solution.

## ***Transition Period***

The special ALPS PC upgrade conditions are valid during a limited time period. In order to qualify KINESYS Software or your local representative must have received your purchase order before

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